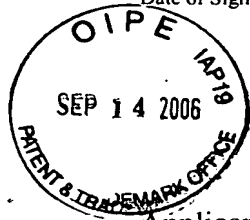


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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed July 28, 2006, please amend the file of the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims and begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.